

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

08/11/2004 15:02 FAX 517 371 8200

FSC&S

001

AUG 11 2004

OFFICIAL

PTO/SB/21 (02-04)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006, OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

TRANSMITTAL FORM <i>(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)</i>		Application Number 10/604,693
		Filing Date 08/11/2003
		First Named Inventor Perry Schoneboom
		Art Unit 3632
		Examiner Name Jonathon A. Szumny
Total Number of Pages in This Submission		Attorney Docket Number 23077-00002

ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance communication to Technology Center (TC)
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)
<input type="checkbox"/> After Final	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information
<input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation	<input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Change of Correspondence Address	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):
<input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer	
<input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund	
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application		
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53		
Remarks		

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

Firm or Individual name

John M. Naber

Signature

Date

11 August 2004

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below.

Typed or printed name

Lori A. Rosier

Signature

Date

8-11-04

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.6. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

PTO/SB/17 (10-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0032
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 210.00)

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/604,693
Filing Date	08/11/2003
First Named Inventor	Perry Schoneboom
Examiner Name	Jonathon A. Szumny
Art Unit	3632
Attorney Docket No.	23077-00002

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

Check Credit card Money Order Other None

Deposit Account:

Deposit Account Number	502197
Deposit Account Name	Foster Swift Collins

The Director is authorized to: (check all that apply)

Charge fee(s) indicated below Credit any overpayments

Charge any additional fee(s) or any underpayment of fee(s)

Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee to the above-identified deposit account.

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	130	2051 65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052 25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053 130 Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812 2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805 1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251 55 Extension for reply within first month	210.00
1252	420	2252 210 Extension for reply within second month	
1253	850	2253 475 Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254 740 Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255 1,005 Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401 165 Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402 165 Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403 145 Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453 665 Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501 665 Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502 240 Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503 320 Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460 130 Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807 50 Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1808	180	1806 180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
6021	40	8021 40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	770	2809 385 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	770	2810 385 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	770	2801 385 Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802 900 Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify), *Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid			
SUBTOTAL (3) (\$ 210.00)			

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

SUBMITTED BY

(Complete if applicable)

Name (Print/Type)	John M. Naber	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	46,487	Telephone 517-371-8293
Signature	<i>John M. Naber</i>			
		Date	11 Aug 2004	

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.17 and 1.27. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

08/11/2004 15:03 FAX 517 371 8200

FSC&S

AUG 1 2004

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
~~OFFICIAL~~

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Perry Schoneboom
Serial No.: 10/604,693
Filed: 08/11/2003
Title: Support Bracket

Art Unit: 3632
Examiner: Szumny, Jonathon A.
Atty Docket No.: 23077-00002

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION/RESTRICTIONS
DATED MAY 26, 2004

In response to the Office Action dated May 26, 2004, Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, the embodiment of Figures 1 through 4 described as Species 1 in the present Action. Claims 1-3, 6-11, 15-18, 26-27, and 29-31 are readable on Figures 1 through 4.

Also in response, Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the species election requirement to Species 2 through 9 identified in the present Action, as they purportedly apply to Figures 5-15.

Figure 5 (identified in the present Action as Species 2) relates to an embodiment of Figure 1 in that it, along with the associated text in the detailed description portion of the specification, merely show a slight variation of the attachment of the mounting bracket to the load supporting member known by those skilled in the art.

Figures 6 through 9 (identified in the present Action as Species 3) relate to an embodiment of Figure 1 in that it, along with the associated text in the detailed description portion of the specification, merely show a slight variation of the attachment of a mounting bracket to the hook bracket.

Response to Requirement for Election/Restriction
Serial No. 10/604,693
Page 1 of 3

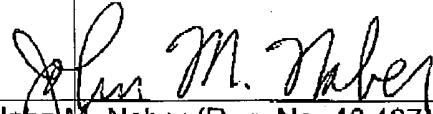
Figure 10 (identified in the present Action as Species 4) relates to an embodiment of Figure 1 in that it, along with the associated text in the detailed description portion of the specification, merely explain in detail to those skilled in art a mode of the hook bracket.

As for the balance of the other restriction requirements, Applicant further submits that all of the claims utilize the same elements of at least one mounting bracket to contact a vertically extending object and a load supporting member situated around the object and thus all of the claims could be most efficiently examined in a single application. Applicant submits that slight variations, explanations, and added detail of the embodiment do not constitute description of a separate species of the item. Applicant thus respectfully requests withdrawal, or at least revision, of the election requirements.

In the event the examiner notes any further matters requiring attention or in the event that prosecution of the application can otherwise be expedited thereby, Applicant invites the Examiner to call undersigned at the number given below.

A Petition for Two Month Extension of Time is being concurrently filed with this Response.

Respectfully submitted,


John M. Naber (Reg. No. 46,487)
Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, P.C.
313 South Washington Square
Lansing, MI 48933
(517) 371-8100
(517) 371-8200 facsimile

Response to Requirement for Election/Restriction
Serial No. 10/604,693
Page 2 of 3

Certificate of Transmission

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to:
Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, 703-872-9306.

Date: 8/11-04


Lorri A. Rosler

Lorri A. Rosler

Response to Requirement for Election/Restriction
Serial No. 10/604,693
Page 3 of 3